

D. Remarks

Restriction:

The pending claims are subject to restriction into the following classes:

Class I: Claims 1-3, 5, 18-19 and 21-28.  
Class II: Claims 9-11.

Applicant hereby elects, without traversal, the Class I claims, Claims 1-3, 5, 18-19 and 21-28. Applicant hereby withdraws Claims 9-11.

Amendments to Claims:

New Claims 29 – 33, generally corresponding to previously presented Claim 18 *et seq.* are presented for consideration by the Examiner. These claims were developed in light of comments made by the Examiner in Interviews on September 17, 2007 and November 13, 2007. Applicants' Attorney sincerely appreciates the time afforded by the Examiner to discuss the claims.

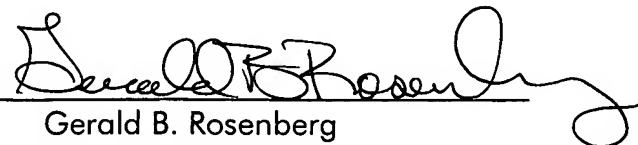
If Claims 29 – 33 are determined allowable by the Examiner, Applicants will accept entry of an Examiner's amendment cancelling all other claims in the present application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' Attorney, at the telephone number provided below, in regard to any matter that the Examiner may identify that might be resolved through a teleconference with the Examiner.

Conclusion:

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks previously presented, Applicants maintain that 1-3, 5, 18-19 and 21-28 are properly allowable. Applicants further assert that new Claims 29 – 33 are allowable as presented. The Examiner's consideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is further requested to take action consistent therewith and pass this application on to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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